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AN ASSOCIATION OF FRENCH CONSUMER COOPERATIVES HAS
ANNOUNCED THAT IT DECIDED TO ABANDON PVC PACKAGING
OF WINE - SIX MILLION BOTTLES PER YEAR - AS OF
MARCH 1, 1975. THE ASSOCIATION EXPLAINED THAT THE
DECISION WAS MAINLY DUE TO THE DOUBT ABOUT THE HEALTH
EFFECTS OF PVC USED IN THE MANUFACTURE OF BOTTLES
CONTAINING ALCOHOLIC LIQUIDS. THE INDUSTRY, WHICH
PRODUCES 450 MILLION PVC BOTTLES PER YEAR, HAS REACTED
STRONGLY AGAINST THIS DECISION STATING THAT ALL
LABORATORY ANALYSES MADE DURING TWELVE YEARS HAVE
PROVED THAT LIQUIDS SOLD IN PVC CONTAINERS WERE
INNOCUOUS. CONSUMER COOPERATIVES ARE ACCUSED OF BEING
MORE CONCERNED ABOUT THEIR MARKETING IMAGE THAN ABOUT
THE HEALTH OF THE CONSUMER.
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